

Remarks

Claims 41-59 are now pending in this application. Applicant has presented new claims 41-59 and canceled claims 19-40 to clarify the present invention. Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration of this application.

The Examiner indicated that claims 26, 32, 33, and 36-40 recite allowable subject matter. Applicants have amended the claims to present independent claims reciting the subject matter indicated to be allowable by the Examiner. Along these lines, new claim 40 recites subject matter from claims 19 and 26; new claim 52 recites subject matter from 19 and 32; new claim 53 recites subject matter from claims 19 and 33; new claim 54 recites subject matter of claims 34 and 36; new claim 56 recites subject matter of claims 34 and 37; and new claim 57 recites subject matter of 34 and 38. Dependent claims 41-51, 55, 58, and 59 depend from the newly presented independent claims. Finally, we leave it to you to decide whether in claim 22, "in the type" should be replaced with "of the type".

The Examiner rejected claims 19-25, 27-31, 34, and 35 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over British patent 351,845 to Kali et al. in view of U.S. patent 2,471,144 to Davy and German patent 1 567 937. These rejections are moot in view of the Examiner's statement concerning the allowed claims and applicant's presentation of only claims that the Examiner indicated are allowable.

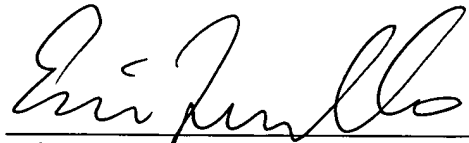
If an interview would facilitate the prosecution of this case, Applicant urges the Examiner

to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The undersigned authorizes the Commissioner to charge fee insufficiency and credit overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 22-0261.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Eric J. Franklin", written over a horizontal line.

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